

A specialized docket for the adult criminal justice system's youngest Defendants, ages 17, 18 and 19 years of age.

**PURPOSE:** Project Engage aims to reduce the number of revocations, convictions and jail sentences by providing teenage offenders the additional support and structure of regular judicial oversight within a probation term that has an emphasis on giving back to our community, school and/or work.

Monthly Group Court Appearances
Mandatory School and/or Work as a Condition
Community Service and Engagement
Mentorship Programing
Resume Building, Job Finding and Training Resources

**Project Engage is proud to have Community Partners in the following:** 





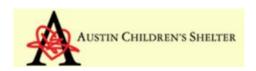
















This docket takes place before Judge Mueller in County Court #6 every month. Misdemeanor cases that may be appropriate for Project Engage can be transferred into Court #6 from another County court or pled down as a reduction from felony District Court.



#### THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

#### Offenders should:

- \* be 17-20 years of age;
- \* be a Travis County resident;
- \* not have a violent criminal history;
- \* not have had a previous commitment to TDC or TYC;
- \* not have unresolved cases pending.

# The program may be particularly applicable for offenders who:

- \* lack a high school diploma or GED;
- \* are unemployed;
- \* are indigent;
- \* or who have limited vocational skills.

## **Conditions of probation to include:**

- \*Appear in Court 6 monthly in a group setting (2pm Thursday usually the last week of the month);
- \* Remain in school/work;
- \* Undergo random drug and alcohol tests;
- \* Complete a series of community service projects designed specifically for this program;
- \* Take part in mentorship program;
- \* Complete treatment and counseling as may be recommended.

## The Incentives for Accomplishment and Progress:

Offenders will be recognized for improved compliance and Accomplishment with:

- \* Early Discharge;
- \* CSR credit;
- \* Recognition Certificate, letters and employment referrals;
- \* Fee waivers or reduction.

### **The Consequences of Non-Compliance:**

- \* Work Crew community service through the probation department;
- \* Additional CSR;
- \* Increased Frequency of Random UA program;
- \* Placement on Electronic Monitoring;
- \* Referrals to Additional Counseling, Treatment, etc.;
- \* As a last resort, revocation and jail time at full exposure.

